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# Trauma survey set for May

If you thought the week of GETAC was already busy with meetings, just wait until the May meetings. In addition to GETAC committees and council meeting, the American College of Surgeons, at the request of DSHS, will be conducting an assessment of the Texas Trauma System. The survey will begin on Tuesday evening with an overview of the trauma system and end with a preliminary assessment by the team early Friday afternoon. For more details on the schedule and what exactly the team will be doing, turn to page 6. The GETAC committee meetings will take place on Wednesday, May 19, and Thursday, May 20, with the council meeting on Friday, May 21. A complete schedule of the committee meetings is on page 6. For a recap of the action items from the last meeting, turn to page 30.

EMS Week is May 17-21, and if you haven't started planning, page 7 has some ideas. There is one change to this year's activities that you can blame on the state's budget woes. Due to the projected state budget shortfall of at least \$10 billion, we've been told that we can't print any brochures or coloring books – at least for a while. That means orders for Ready Teddy coloring books won't be filled – we're out of those. We'll fill orders for the Ready Teddy stickers and When Minutes Count brochures until we run out. We'll know more about how the budget crisis will affect us after the Legislative session next spring.

Speaking of money, if you'd like to apply for a Local Projects Grant, you better hurry. Applications are due May 13. For complete information, go to page 7 or our website.

This issue gives you the first peek into the preconference classes we're offering for this year's conference in Austin. We're again offering the NAEMSE instructor course, DSHS's coordinator course, AMLS, 12-lead and many others that have been popular. In addition, we're putting on what we think is probably the biggest cadaver lab in Texas – up to eight cadavers – in the convention center. Our thanks to Scotty Bolleter of San Antonio AirLife and to Scott Lail of Careflite for making it happen.

The May/June issue is one of my favorites each year because we get to highlight all the good that EMS and trauma systems do. I came into the world of EMS/trauma about 18 years ago not knowing the difference between a paramedic and an ECA, and now I can't imagine not thinking about emergency services every day. Thanks for what you do every day.

## FROM THIS SIDE



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